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Dear Jim,

Sorry to be so late in getting a thank-you note for the copies of your low-rent housing study I requested on behalf of the International Hotel Tenants Assn. They arrived super-promptly andwere really valuable in leading us to decide to apply for a similar grant from the Natl. Trust. It looks pretty good for getting the money, and even better for what the study might mean for the future of that struggle. The City (Mayor Moscone) has given us a letter of support, which politically ties them into the study. And various politically important Chinatown organizations, which neverver really got behind the I-Hotel prior to the eviction, now are very turned on by the possibility of the study (and have even joined as co-applicants with the Tenants Assn.) Our focus is on the entire block the Hotel is on, rather than just the Hotel, which also increases the value of and interest in the study.

I never saw your accompanying note (Hotel Assn. people picked up the packet from the bux terminal), but I understand you had asked the Assn. to pay some costs, if money was available. I will continue to press them on this (things are very tight there financially and also somewhat chaotic ever sincethe eviction), and would be happy to personally reimburse the Center for out-of-pocket (i.e. shipping) costs, if you wish. Let me know.

Best,

Chester Hartman